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TAGS:OVIP - PRESIDENT EYADEMA

SUBJECT:REQUEST FOR VISIT BY PRESIDENT EYADEMA

1. AF/W ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE HAS RESPONDED TO LETTER
(PARA 2) FROM TOGOLESE AMBASSADOR REGARDING REQUEST FOR
EYADEMA VISIT BY LETTER QUOTED PARA 3.

2. BEGIN TEXT: I HAVE THE HONOR TO CONFIRM HERewith THE
REQUEST WHICH HIS EXCELLENCY EDEM KODJO, MINISTER OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION OF TOGO, MADE DURING OUR MEETING
WITH YOU ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1977 AT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

MR. KODJO EXPRESSED THE WISH THAT GENERAL GNASSINGBE
EYADEMA, PRESIDENT OF THE TOGOLESE REPUBLIC, MIGHT BE IN-
VITED TO MAKE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES IN
1978. SUCH AN INVITATION WOULD BE CONSIDERED A GREAT HONOR
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NOT ONLY FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE TOGOLESE REPUBLIC PER-
SONALLY BUT FOR ALL THE TOGOLESE PEOPLE AS WELL. GENERAL
EYADEMA HAS NEVER HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA AND SINCE HE ASSUMED OFFICE IN 1967 NO
INVITATION HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO HIM.

IN 1975 I INFORMED THE OFFICIALS OF THE BUREAU OF AFRICAN

AFFIARS THAT OUR CHIEF OF STATE WOULD BE VERY PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO MAKE A VISIT TO YOUR GREAT COUNTRY. AT THAT TIME I WAS TOLD THAT THE SCHEDULE FOR 1976, THE BICENTEN- NIAL YEAR, WAS EXTREMELY CROWDED BECAUSE THE ARRIVAL OF A NUMBER OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS WAS EXPECTED AT WASHINGTON, D.C. AND THAT MY REQUEST MIGHT BE FAVORABLY CONSIDERED IN THE FUTURE.

I WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL, MR. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE, FOR YOUR FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION OF THIS REQUEST AND ASK YOU TO ACCEPT THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGH CONSIDERATION, MESSANVI K. KEKEH. END TEXT.

3. ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE RESPONDED ON DECEMBER 14 AS FOLLOWS.

4. BEGIN TEXT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF NOVEMBER 9 REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF AN INVITATION TO THE PRESIDENT OF TOGO TO MAKE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1978. I ASSURE YOU THAT WE SHALL GIVE THE MOST CAREFUL ATTENTION TO THIS REQUEST. HOWEVER, YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THE NUMBER OF OFFICIAL VISITORS TO THE UNITED STATES IS LIMITED BY THE MANIFOLD DEMANDS ON THE PRESIDENT'S TIME. THE DECISION AS TO HOW THIS TIME WILL BE DIVIDED CAN ONLY BE MADE BY THE WHITE HOUSE.

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WE SHALL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU AS SOON AS WE HAVE A CLEARER IDEA OF THE WAY THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE IS DEVELOPING. SINCERELY, RICHARD M. MOOSE. END TEXT.

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